

## PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

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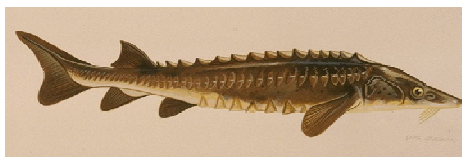
**PROJECT:** Great Lakes Fisheries and Ecosystem Restoration (GLFER) Program

**DESCRIPTION:** Congress has found that the Great Lakes comprise a nationally and internationally significant fishery and ecosystem, one that should be developed and enhanced in a coordinated manner. This program enables the Corps to utilize its planning, design, and construction expertise for projects to restore the Great Lakes fishery and ecosystem. Development of a support plan to define how the program will be implemented involved cooperation with basin-wide representatives from natural resource agencies and tribal authorities. A wide range of environmental projects could be executed under this program, including riparian habitat and wetland restoration, dam removal to reestablish free flowing tributaries, construction of fish passage over existing structures, improving spawning and nursery habitat, erosion and sedimentation control, and construction of facilities to preserve historic fish stocks. Basin-wide, fishery and natural resource interests have a strong interest in this program to help eliminate and control non-indigenous species introductions, a major threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is sponsor for support/implementation plan development, and State/local agencies, as well as non-profit organizations, are eligible to sponsor individual projects.

**GREAT LAKES COLLABORATION:** This program involves regional collaboration with representatives from state and other Federal natural resource agencies and tribal authorities, as well as local governments and non-profit groups. The Corps implementation plan established a Project Review Committee, consisting of representatives from across the basin and led by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, to assist the Corps in evaluating and developing projects. This unique partnership plays an important role in helping the Corps best serve Great Lakes fisheries and natural resource interests.

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Upton (R) MI-6, MI, Stupak (D) MI-1, Hoekstra (R) MI-2, Camp MI-4; MI Senators Levin (D) and Stabenow (D). Obey (D) WI-7, WI Senators Feingold (D) and Kohl (D). Visclosky (D) IN-1; IN Senators Bayh (D) and Lugar (R). Kaptur (D) OH-9; OH Senator Voinovich. Lipinski (D) IL-3

### LOCATION MAP & PICTURE:



**NON- FEDERAL PROJECT SPONSOR:** The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is sponsor for Support/Implementation Plan development. State and local agencies, and non-profit organizations are eligible to sponsor individual projects.

**PROJECT AUTHORITY:** Section 506 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

**FUNDING:**

	Total	Federal	Non-Federal
Current Working Estimate (total program)	\$153,846,000	\$100,000,000	\$ 53,846,000
Funds allocated prior to FY07	\$ 875,000	\$ 875,000	\$ 0
Funds allocated in FY07	\$ 470,000	\$ 470,000	\$ 0
FY08 Budget	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Funds that could be used in FY08	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ TBD
Funds required to complete (> FY08)	\$ TBD*	\$ TBD*	\$ TBD*

\* Program will entail implementation of multiple projects throughout the Great Lakes basin

**STATUS:** Program Implementation (Support) Plan has been approved by ASA(CW) to guide the program. Numerous potential projects have been coordinated with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, state and tribal resource agencies. Several Preliminary restoration plans (PRPs) have been developed, with approval received for two projects (Boardman River and Henry Ford Dam, MI), and planning/design was initiated for these projects. FY07 funds will be used to continue coordination of the highest priority projects, complete planning & design of one project, and continue design efforts on seven projects. FY08 funds would be used to initiate preliminary restoration plans on ten new projects, initiate/continue design efforts on eight projects, and initiate construction on one project.

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**CURRENT PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Project	Description	Project Review Committee Status
Boardman River Dams, Traverse City, MI	Potential removal of up to 4 dams to reestablish free flowing river	High Priority
Red Mill Pond, IN	Remove dam to improve stream habitat	High priority
Cattaraugus Creek, NY	Construct Fish passage at existing dam	High priority
Chautauqua Creek, NY	Create Fish Passage at an existing dam	High priority
MN & WI-Sturgeon Spawning Habitat- St Louis River	Improve Spawning habitat (part of an ongoing effort to reestablish spawning populations in the River)	Pending review
Frankenmuth Dam Fish Passage, MI	Construct passage at a dam currently limiting upstream walleye and sturgeon distribution	High priority
Ford Estate Dam, Rouge River, MI	Construct passage at a dam currently limiting fisheries rehabilitation	High priority
St. Marys River Habitat Restoration, MI	Re-establish connection between river and adjacent basins isolated by past navigation improvement projects	High priority
Northerly Island, Chicago, IL	Create fish and wildlife habitat along Chicago waterfront	On Hold
Waukegon River/Harbor, IL	Fish Habitat Improvement	High Priority
Ballville Dam, Fremont, OH	Fish passage on Lake Erie tributary	High priority
Dowagiac River, MI	Channel habitat rehabilitation	Not Yet Submitted
Grindstone Creek, NY	Fish passage on Lake Ontario tributary	Not Yet Submitted
Euclid Creek, OH	Fish passage on Lake Erie tributary	Not Yet Submitted
Whittlesey Creek, Ashland, WI	Protect riverine and wetland habitat threatened by sediment accumulation	Not Yet Submitted
Upper Niagara R., NY		Not Yet Submitted
Spring Bluff Nature Preserve, IL		Not Yet Submitted